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POETRY

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It is pleasant to have company as we journey. But there is a vast difference between going along with the crowd and impelling the crowd to go along with us. "Some people tell me," declares Billy Sunday, "that I rub the fur the wrong way. My answer is, Let the cat turn round."

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honour,—men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking:
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,—
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps.
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps!

—Josiah Gilbert Holland.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Only those strong enough to keep silent about self are strong enough to be sure of self. —John Galsworthy.

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It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.



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THIS WEEK'S COVER

THE Samaritans were much hated by the Jews, the feeling against them ran so high in fact that Jewish people would not even travel through their land and, in consequence, made wide detours to avoid such possibility. Yet upon one occasion when the Saviour and His apostles were journeying we are told that they passed through "the midst of Samaria" and ten men afflicted with leprosy approached. They cried: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us," and the Lord told them to go and show themselves to the priest. This was a necessary act since they could not return to normal living unless their cleanliness was sanctioned by the priest. While going to the required place they were cleansed from their dread disease and one of them, realising this, turned and prostrated himself at the feet of Christ, "giving thanks: and he was a Samaritan." It appears that the other nine, after whom the Saviour enquired, were mainly Jews. As John says: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

“Hold Fast To That Which Is Good”

By ELDER JOHN H. TAYLOR

Of the First Council of Seventy

THE other day I was reading the words of Paul where he gave us the admonition to “prove all things, and to hold fast to that which is good.”

When I was a young boy my Sunday School teacher gave us this information. He said, “The flies are God’s scavengers. You have noticed that just outside of the kitchen door the flies collect around the dishwater and other materials that may be thrown onto the lot and if it weren’t for the flies eating up the waste material, we would all get sick.” Of course, this information was undoubtedly as good as could be had by him, or perhaps others, in regard to this matter. The fact that this had been told to us in Sunday School and by a man we all very much loved was no indication that the thing was right. Later in life we found that we could not hold fast to it because newly discovered evidence had proved it untrue.

If we follow the admonition of Paul and put sufficient time into proving all things, we will be able to find the things to which we should hold fast. In the various scientific fields this has been followed extensively, and it is the only method that can be followed in order to arrive at the truth. I have this thought in mind: that we are very much concerned and we spend considerable time in proving scientifically whether things are right or wrong, eventually arriving at a basic truth, which always remains a truth and as such helps in arriving at other truths.

In the things that have to do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I am quite sure that we are not using this method to the same extent as we might use it in proving all things, and then in holding fast to that which is good. I heard someone say that we were on very poor ground when we thought our testimonies sufficient in regard to some of the things that we declared that we knew. He said that very frequently, even when it came to testimony, we should put it on one side so that we might prove it right again. I can see no more advantage in eliminating the truth and the testimony that God give us in religious things than I can see in continually disregarding basic truths of science. In arithmetic we might say that two times two are four is always correct, we prove it daily by its use. We get nowhere, we are confused when, in order to re-prove this proposition, we say two times two are five. It seems to me that this is the thing we do every once in a while with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE VALUE OF A TESTIMONY

The Lord in His mercy gives to us a testimony and demonstrates it to us in such a conclusive way that we know that we do have a basic religious truth for our testimony. For example, we know and we testify individually and collectively that God is a personal being and that we are made in His

image. If our experiences and investigation, and His inspiration to us have proved this to be a basic truth, we should hold fast to it because it is good.

Men in the past have not been able to understand our conception of God. They cannot see that anything in the shape of man could be able to have the ability, the power, and the majesty that dwell in God the Eternal Father. As we move through life we do have men who in a measure assume the qualities and majesty of God, and feel that they are quite necessary to the affairs of life, but these men are gradually eliminated as was the house that was built upon the sand. Perhaps the only trouble is that they are able to do so many wicked and bad things before the waves come.

We have the same proposition in relation to the Word of Wisdom. We know the fundamental truth of the Word of Wisdom is based on a truth that cannot be eliminated or removed by any type of argument or reason. For instance, in coffee we have caffeine that is harmful, yet we sometimes reason that the same thing that makes coffee objectionable may not be so objectionable when it is used in some other way. It just indicates that we have not proven the thing so thoroughly that we have been able to hold fast to that which is good and make it a part of our lives.

The Lord has said: "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Thus we have a way of finding the truth regarding God and His relations to us. We have a way of establishing the truth so thoroughly in our hearts that we will be able to hold fast to it. Perhaps if we had had the same interest and used the same time and the same thoroughness in searching the scriptures of the Lord as we have used in the field of science, we would find that we were growing in the ability to hold fast to that which is good, and not let it get away from us.

We have practically the same advice given to us in the Book of Mormon, but we seldom have a desire in our hearts to know whether this book is right or wrong. If we will go to this book, according to Moroni, and read it in a prayerful way, with faith, desiring to have a testimony and to find out as to its truthfulness, by the inspiration of God and the power of the Holy Ghost we shall know the truth.

SAFETY IN KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

There are so many things in life that are vital to us. If we would go where we want to go, if we would have the blessings that we would like for ourselves and our loved ones, we must find out the things of God and then hold fast to them and never let them get away from us, either in times of tribulation or temptation, or times of joy and happiness.

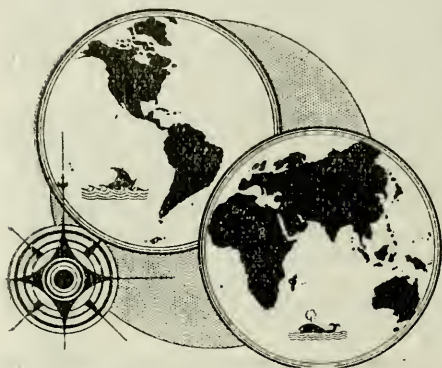
May the Lord bless us and help us to guard His word in that light and live sincerely the precepts and the admonitions given to us, for the Lord has said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Perhaps at the end of our lives we will have demonstrated how much love we have for God by the number of commandments that we have kept and held fast to.

The Gospel During War-Time

EUROPEAN MISSIONS GAIN MEMBERS, TITHES

LETTERS TO CHURCH OFFICES TELLING OF VALIANT
WORK DESPITE SUFFERING

From Deseret News



DESPITE the crunch of the conqueror's boots up and down the cobbled streets by chapels, homes and other meeting places, Latter-day Saints in several European lands are hopeful for the future, are increasing their tithes and fast offerings, are baptizing new members.

Letters addressed to Elder Thomas E. McKay, presiding in Salt Lake City over the European Missions since the war's

outbreak, tell of valiant work being done in the interest of the Gospel. The letters also tell of physical suffering under the blockade.

Recent reports have reached Church headquarters from England, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Syria. In every case thanks is expressed for an opportunity to serve in a war-torn world.

SWISS THANKFUL

"We have so much to be thankful for here in Switzerland since we have not had any battles as yet, and hope our position will continue unchallenged," Elder Carl Ringger, President of the Zurich district, wrote President McKay.

"Food materials are becoming scarce—we have to exchange farm products to Germany in return for coal," the Swiss worker reported. "Butter, cream, pork, oils and fats are rationed. Only a pound of butter a month is allowed each of us. There is no more white flour. Bread must be 48 hours old before it is used. A pound of rice per month is the ration, while a kilo of sugar (a little over two pounds) must suffice.

"Clothes, shoes, woollens and soap also are rationed and for a month none could be bought."

"In spite of this," Elder Ringger reported, "it is cheaper to live in Switzerland than in any of the lands around." (Switzerland was recognized as one of the most expensive places to live in Europe before the war.) "Potatoes and meat are beyond the reach of the working class in Spain," the Swiss report said, with potatoes selling for 1s. 6d. a pound and meat for 2s. 7d. a pound.

"We are working unitedly and are willing to remain on duty even at the point of starvation as long as there is opportunity to do good," Mr. Ringger concluded.

DANES PAY TITHES

Payment of tithes by members in the Danish Mission has increased since Hitler's troops marched into Poland and missionaries were withdrawn from Scandinavia, according to the latest report reaching President McKay's office from Orson B. West, Acting President of the Danish Mission.

Another optimistic note is sounded in the news from Denmark that since the war started the Aarhus Church grounds and buildings have been given a new appearance and modernized. The old buildings obstructing the view from the chapel to the street have been torn down and the chapel has been completely remodelled, the Danish letter said. Improved sanitation facilities have been provided. Landscaping has made the Church yards into one of the most pleasant scenes in Aarhus.

"Financially and spiritually the Mission is going well," Elder West wrote. "Tithes have increased although a number of former tithe payers are now unemployed."

"Prices are steadily increasing, with coal, gas and electricity costing 150 per cent. more than formerly. Insurance and tax rates also are climbing. With these conditions we cannot but feel proud that we have made both ends meet," the Danish leader wrote.

At the opening of Mutual Improvement Association work in Copenhagen, recently, Elder West reported 200 young people present, most of them non-members.

NORSE MEMBERS MEET

Elder Olaf Soenstebj, Acting President of the Norwegian Mission with headquarters at Oslo, has written of conferences held in Trondheim, Bergen and Oslo, all familiar names during the battle of Norway.

Elder Soenstebj travelled to visit the members and after his trip reported that no Mormons lost their lives in the battle for Narvik. Members of the Church throughout Norway have collected clothing, money and other gifts to aid war victims. Some families in the Narvik Branch lost their homes.

"Fuel is expensive in Norway and meeting places difficult to maintain in winter," Elder Soenstebj said, "because we must heat our halls with wood, which is very costly."

The Bergen meeting house has been remodelled.

SWEDEN ENCOURAGED

The most recent report from the Swedish Mission has arrived by air-mail and was written by Elder Fritz Johansson in Stockholm. He has visited members in Sweden's far north and in Finland and reported results from labour there.

All the meeting places except small branches in Sweden are being maintained for regular meetings, Elder Johansson in-

formed President McKay. "It is difficult to obtain speakers enough, however, as most of our male members have been drafted for national preparedness." He informed the Salt Lake offices that tithes were encouraging, and children and new members are being baptized.

"Rations have been sufficiently large up to now, but many crops failed this past season and there were poor harvests in some sections." He added that except for bombings by mistake, the country remained unmolested.

CZECH MEETINGS HELD

Elder Josef Roubicek, presiding over the Czecho-Slovakian Mission at Prague, informed President McKay that the members missed a few hard-working missionaries.

The German authorities in Prague have granted the members permission to hold meetings in their customary places. An order from Berlin said the Nazi regime had no objections to lectures on the Mormon religion. Before German approval was received, the members had held Sunday School in private homes.

The Branch at Brno has been closed for lack of funds, but all other branches are open and well, Elder Roubicek wrote.

Elder J. Schipaanboord, Acting President of the Netherlands Mission, has been successful in getting his monthly and quarterly reports in good shape to Salt Lake.

The mission paper, "Der Ster Van Nederland," is also published regularly. "Tithing and fast offerings are holding up very well," the report said. "But meetings are combined for lack of fuel."

GERMANS BAPTIZED

The war has not changed Church activities in the East German Mission, and all branches are meeting regularly, Elder Herbert Klopfer, Acting President, has reported to President McKay.

"There has been some increase in membership, with 55 baptisms in eight months," Elder Klopfer wrote from Berlin. "Sunday Schools are well attended. Wives and mothers have assisted in helping wounded and bereaved, as well as doing work for the Red Cross."

"Tithing has increased 15 per cent. and fast offerings have gained. General donations have doubled."

Elder Klopfer's letter did not deal with the political or economic situation in Berlin.

Church publications, lesson booklets, and the Church Section of the "Deseret News" have been sent regularly to each of the Missions, but until recently have not been received.

Ilse Bruenger, Secretary of the West German Mission at Frankfurt, and assistant to the Acting President, Elder Friederich Biehl, wrote:

"A bundle of papers including the "Improvement Era" was a

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A Parent's Prayer

O H, Jehovah, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children and to ask of them forgiveness, when I know that I have done them wrong.

May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule as punishment. Let me not tempt my child to lie and steal. So guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me, Oh Lord, to hold my tongue.

Blind me to the little errors of my children and help me to see the good things that they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise.

Help me to grow up with my children, to treat them as those of their own age, but let me not exact of them the judgments and conventions of adults. Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to wait upon themselves, to think, to choose and to make decisions.

Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable, and have the courage to withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm.

Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable to my children that they will have a genuine esteem for me. Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children.

With all thy gifts, Oh great Jehovah, give me calm and poise and self-control.—GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1941

EDITORIAL

Family Prayers

A Father and Mother, devoted members of the Church, went away for a vacation. Their five children—five to eighteen years of age—were left in the charge of a housekeeper, another faithful Latter-day Saint.

At supper time, the first day, the housekeeper suggested that the family surround the table and join in prayer. To this the children assented, for, they said, that was their custom. The oldest boy, just past eighteen years of age, was asked to lead in prayer. He begged to be excused because he had never before received such a request. The family had gathered for prayers every day for years, but the father had always done the praying.

The fine father of this excellent family had not realized that he had injured his wife and children by denying them the privilege of taking turns in presenting the family petitions to their Father in Heaven. He had failed to understand that such participation would help establish among his family the habit of private prayer. By some misconception of the order of the Church he had come to believe that only he, as the head of the family, should be voice in family devotions.

At all family gatherings the father of the household presides, but he may call upon any member of the family, or a guest, to take part in the proceedings. Indeed, it is wise and proper for the father to call frequently upon his wife and children to be the voice of the household at family prayers. This will give practice in vocal praying before others, help establish the habit of prayer, and develop a stronger feeling of family solidarity—all in harmony with the revealed word of God.

Sincere prayers, those heeded by the Lord, come out of the heart. The head of the family, experienced in public speech and affairs, may offer a more comprehensive, complete, or rhetorically perfect prayer, but the earnest, heartfelt prayer of the mother of the flock, or the lisping, simple prayer of the child, will be as acceptable to the Lord and as readily answered. The voice of the child asking in sublime faith "that I may not be naughty tomorrow" or "that everybody may have plenty to eat" or "that Mother may get well soon," is heard throughout the eternal mansions. Words and thoughts and desires arrive by sincere and certain faith at the throne of God. He knows our needs better than we can state them; we must approach Him in faith to win His aid.

Every Latter-day Saint family should, if possible, meet in regular, daily prayer, morning and evening. In our busy age, it is often difficult to gather the family for such devotions. For that reason, it has often been found desirable to have prayers just before the morning and evening meals, when as a rule all or most of the family are present. Kneel around the table, let each member have frequent opportunity to represent the group in prayer. Unhappiness will be avoided, much joy will come, as a result of such a practice.

Family prayers should not, however, be allowed to take the place of private prayers. Every person has need in his daily work of the comfort and inspiration that come from prayerful communication with the Lord. A quiet, unobserved place should be sought for our daily prayers, in which we can express to the Lord our heart's inmost desire. In addition, every wise person will pray often throughout the day, whether walking, resting or working, as need and desire may prompt. It is always well to keep close to the source of strength that comes out of the unseen world. Prayer brings comfort to the soul.

In prayer we may speak to the Lord as child to Father; lay before Him the problems of our lives; tell Him of our hopes and fears. Then, whatever comes, we shall know that we have sought help from the right source, and that the answer, however unexpected to us, is for our good.

The Latter-day Saints, with their high commission, must be a prayerful people. "Pray always, that you may come off conqueror." A safe measure of a man is his habit of sincere prayer.

—JOHN A. WIDTSOE.

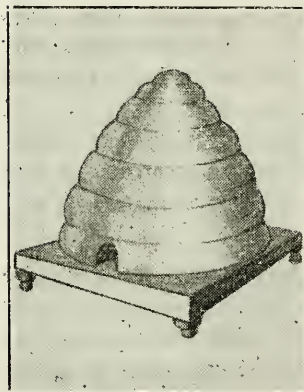
Keep The Sabbath Day Holy

A MESSAGE TO THE BEEHIVE ORGANISATIONS OF THE BRITISH MISSION

The Builder's Purpose:

As Bees bring to their building
Obedient and Purposeful Service,
So into the Hive of Life,
I enter to do my part.
Faith I have from my Fathers,
Faith to move me to action.
Health I hold in my keeping,
Health to guard and to cherish,
That Life may come to my children,
Pure and in limitless power.

To all Bee-Keepers and Beehive girls:



THIS past year has been a very lonely one for many of us. Most Beehive girls have had to "carry on" in their homes, which gives less opportunity for cell filling. One or two branches have been blessed in being able to continue their meetings and gather together under the guidance of their Bee-Keeper.

The Beehive organisation cannot do better during these dark days of war than remember the words of the Lord:

"And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; . . .

And on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or, in other words, that thy joy may be full."

In peace time, when trains could take us rapidly and in comfort, almost from door to door, how easy it was for us to attend Church meetings. It is not so easy now. Transport is irregular at the best of times and during these Winter months the snow and rain have increased the difficulty. New and extra duties, such as fire-watching and W.V.S. are calling for extra energy. How many of us give in to that tired feeling and say that we will *rest* on Sunday? So we *rest*—at home with a book, and, by the fireside, have dozed into sleep for a much longer period than we realised or "that is needful." The younger generation find great temptation, too, to relax in cinemas or on the ice-rink or at other places of amusement.

Thus, at the end of the Lord's day, nothing has been accomplished, and, what is more important, the Devil has found idle minds and given them food for thought, which in a very short

space of time has made an impression that will not be easy to eradicate. In short, retrogression has set in.

Are we, as members of a great organisation, whose united efforts are pointed in one direction, to keep our minds "busy" with constructive thoughts, remembering that commandment of the Lord, given to His Prophet in these last days?

The context is clear and leaves no room for doubt in the minds of anyone who reads: "Thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my Holy day."

The Lord does not ask us to keep this commandment, nor any other, without promising some blessing in return, and whenever we give unto the Lord we always receive an hundred-fold in return. When we give of our material wealth, the Lord gives us in abundance health and contentment; when we give our time to the Lord in fasting and prayer He blesses us with the sweetness of humility and joy.

I wonder what we gain from observing the Lord's day righteously and attending meetings?

In Matthew, chapter 6, verse 22, we read: "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness."

By attendance at meetings, such light may be received, filling our whole beings with light to guide us through the ensuing week, and helping us to distinguish right from wrong.

May all Beehive girls gain that light of knowledge, that as each day goes by they will experience a yearning for next Sunday to come, that they might always strive to keep themselves unspotted from the world, through going humbly to the house of prayer and offering up their sacraments to the Lord upon His Day.

SISTER EDITH G. REES,
British Mission Bee-Keeper.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Sister Edith Rees is a nurse in a Military Hospital and, I am sure, fully comprehends the significance of her appeal in this article. She no doubt has felt at times the urge to relax and forget the sometimes sordid round of monotonous existence. Life is what we make it, and if it seems sometimes to set its course against our personal progression, let us find in Sunday the "bright spot of the week." It is certain that the brightness will last, for God's light is Eternal.

Each year on the first Sunday in March the Beehive girls usually take part in the evening session, and Sister Rees has prepared a programme for M.I.A. conjoint meeting which has been sent to every branch this week. The M.I.A. Board would like every branch that can possibly do so to carry out this programme.

IN connection with our recent notice regarding Evacuation, Sister Jennie Taylor would be pleased to receive a child as companion to her own, about ten years old. Will any Saint interested please communicate with Sister Taylor at the following address:

13 Cross Edge, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire:

Table Talk In The Home

From The Children's Friend

MEAL time is a unique social and moral opportunity to children. "It is not the child of six who sits at the table and listens," says Dr. Solin A. Scott, "It is a human spirit, eager, curious and wondering, surrounded by mysteries, willingly taking in what it does not understand today, but which will take possession of it next year and become a torch to light it on its way. It is through association of older people that these fructifying ideas come to the child; it is through such talk that he finds the world he is to possess."

The children are not the only ones who are capable of gaining something from table talk. Even parents can learn from the interchange of ideas. Socrates used to clear up the minds of young people by asking them apparently simple yet ingenious questions, but it has been suggested that he got his reward in clearing up his own mind by listening to their answers. The trouble with books containing collections of the table talk of famous men is that such talk was not really conversation but monologue. It implied a listening audience. But as Carlyle once said, "To sit still and be pumped into is never an exhilarating process." The family table is a place where the wisest can learn and where the most foolish can sometimes teach. The old adage, "Children should be seen and not heard," ought really to be reversed. Children should be both seen and heard. Unless they are seen by and see wise people, how can they become wise, and unless they can be heard, how can they have their fallacies exposed?



Cultivate Self-Reliance

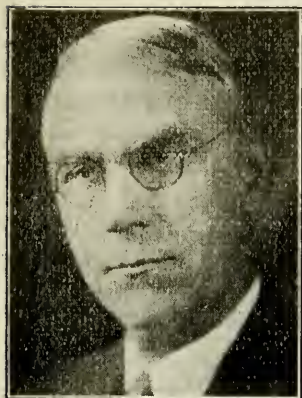
SOONER or later in their lives each child must depend upon himself and make his own decisions. Begin early to cultivate this independence. Mayhap you will not like to have your child form his own ideas so soon, but he should do it for his future good.

If he wishes to do something which might injure him slightly, but not seriously, just tell him what the consequences will be and allow him to do as he desires. If he burns his hand or cuts himself, he will know better next time.

If he wishes for a tie of some glaring colour of which he will soon become tired, tell him he may have it, but that he will have to wear it. He will think better the next time. If he wishes to stay some place too long and may thereby miss something else, just let him do it. He will soon learn.

It is important, however, that parents do not lose their control over their children. Boys and girls should be early taught that there are times when they must do as they are told. Some positive authority is essential in the training of all children.—Selected.

Elder Reed Smoot Passes



Elder Reed Smoot

ELDER REED SMOOT, member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles since 1900, passed away in St. Petersburg, Florida, on the 9th February last. He was born in 1862 in Salt Lake City, but has lived in Provo since 1872. Apart from his notable activity in the Church, he has been extensively active in the State affairs of the U.S.A. He was elected to the Senate of the States in the year 1903 and retained his seat for thirty years, serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate for a long period. His remarkable business acumen and shrewd judgment in financial matters have been held in high esteem in the inner circles of the Republican party of America.

Upon leaving school in his youth he went to work in a humble position in the Provo Co-operative Institution, the first Co-operative store organised in Utah. Reed was a determined lad, and although he commenced there sacking potatoes and fruit and doing odd jobs he resolved upon a certain goal. His Father came into the store one day and talking to Robert C. Kirkwood, then the Superintendent, he said: "I see you have Reed here, but I guess he won't be here long." The young man heard the remark and there and then determined to become the Superintendent of the store. Less than eighteen months afterwards he was. He stayed there until 1884 and then became manager of the Provo Woollen Mills, founded by his Father. From then on he developed into a successful business man. It is peculiar that twice he was called to go on a Mission and that both times the call was rescinded in favour of his staying to fill the executive positions mentioned. Thus, when a third call came, with Reed a rich young man, it was speculated that he would not be so willing to accept it since it was suggested he had, during his business career, drifted somewhat from religion. These ideas were proved groundless by his prompt departure for this land in 1890.

Said Orson F. Whitney of him: "It can be truly said of Apostle Smoot that he has never sought preferment, either civil or ecclesiastical. He has worked honestly and faithfully at whatever he had in hand—industry and continuity being his watchwords, recognised by him when a boy as the keys to success and prosperity—and his talents and labours alone have recommended him for promotion. . . .

"He possesses a fearless candour, says exactly what he thinks, and yet is courteous, considerate and kind-hearted. While neither a preacher nor a writer, he expresses himself with intelligence, earnestness and humility, both by tongue and by

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Notice

THE following quaint notice was posted on a church door:

Missing

Last Sunday, some families from church.

Stolen

Several hours from the Lord's day, by a number of people of different ages dressed in their Sunday clothes.

Strayed

Half-a-score of lambs, believed to have gone in the direction of "No Sunday School."

Mislaid

A quantity of silver and copper coins on the counter of a public house, the owner being in a state of great excitement.

Wanted

Several young people. When last seen were walking in pairs up Sabbath Breakers' Lane, which leads to the City of No Good.

Lost

A lad, carefully reared, not long from home, and for a time promising. Supposed to have gone with one of two older companions to Prodigal Town.

Any person assisting in the recovery of the above shall in nowise lose his reward.—Selected.



"Employ thy time well if thou meanest to gain leisure! and since thou art not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour! Leisure is time for doing something useful. This leisure the diligent man will obtain, but the lazy man never. 'So that, as Poor Richard says, 'A life of leisure, and a life of laziness are two things.' Do you imagine that Sloth will afford you more comfort than Labour? No! for as Poor Richard says, 'Trouble springs from idleness and grievous toil from needless ease. . . . Industry gives comfort, and plenty, and respect.'"

—Benjamin Franklin.

THE GOSPEL DURING WAR-TIME

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most pleasant surprise. Successful autumn conferences were reported. Members of the local priesthood were eager to do missionary work, her letter indicated.

It was assumed Elder Biehl had been called to the German armed forces.

FRENCH ADVANCE

French speaking members of the Church have held meetings when opportunity would permit, have baptized new members and have advanced men in the Aaronic Priesthood.

This information was contained in letters from Elder R. Simond of Neuchatel, Switzerland, and Elder Paul Devigne of Liege, Belgium. They are acting as Mission Presidents in their respective regions.

Sixty persons attended a fine conference in Geneva, Elder Simond said. The members at Geneva have lodged and fed members from other parts of the Mission who were visitors to the conference.

Meetings have been reduced in number, according to Elder Simond, because of the shortage of coal. They have had to combine M.I.A. and Relief Society groups and hold Sunday School and Sacrament meetings together.

Elder Simond said train service had not begun between Spain and Switzerland across France. Church publications reached Switzerland by motor truck from the Iberian Peninsula.

BRITISH MOVE OFFICES

Acting President Andre K. Anastasiou of the British Mission in London wrote President McKay that faith promoting reports from members throughout the Isles told of miraculous escapes from air raids.

The British leader said a refugee family from Belgium had been located in England and found to hold Church membership. In connection with this, President McKay said returned lady missionaries at Brigham Young University had sent a relief fund to England to assist such refugee members as the Belgian family.

The "Millennial Star" offices and the mission bookstore have been transferred from 5 Gordon Square to 149 Nightingale Lane, S.W.12. Elder Anastasiou said 5 Gordon Square is now completely vacated and is no longer used by the Church.

From far off Syria, Elder Abraham Hindolian, Branch President at Aleppo, sent thanks to President McKay for the Church publications reaching him.

The letter from Asia expressed the hope that that part of the globe would not be torn in the clutches of war.

From all the European Missions came word that lesson material and other printed matter were allowed to reach their destination. Missions in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland and England all are publishing monthly or weekly journals for their members.

ELDER REED SMOOT PASSES

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pen. His genius is practical and progressive. As a financier and an executive, his talents are of the first order, and the fallacy is long exploded that the Lord needs but one class of men in any department of His work. 'My duty first, my pleasure afterwards' may be said to be his favourite motto, one that he faithfully exemplifies."

Such a man was Reed Smoot.



DOINGS IN THE DISTRICTS

Liverpool

Nelson Branch held a social and and dance in the branch hall on Saturday, February 8th. The evening was spent in games conducted by Sisters Louise Lawman and Ethel Bailey, Lady Missionaries, concert items and dancing. Brother and Sister Duckworth both rendered songs, and Brother Hardacre presented a short sketch entitled the "Modest Curate." The "Irish Reel" was a feature of the evening and proved extremely popular with all.

Manchester

On Saturday, February 8th, following the Union Meeting, a variety programme was presented in the Rochdale Branch Hall under the direction of Mr. McLeod. Vocal duets were rendered by Sister Nellie Hoyle and Mr. McLeod and solos by Sister Edith Gillies and President A. K. Anastasiou, who paid the District a surprise visit, having been attending a press luncheon and first showing of "Brigham Young" in Manchester sponsored by Twentieth Century Fox Film Company. Several short sketches were presented during the evening, the casts including the following: Sisters Waddington, Ivy Buckley, Joan Buckley, Lily Butterworth, and Miss Jean McLeod. Also Brothers John Woodhead, Fred Waddington and Herbert Greenhalgh, with Elders Albert Willmott and Ralph Burton, Missionaries. Sister Marion Baron rendered character studies, and dancing concluded the evening's activities. During the interval refreshments were served to the 50 people present by the Relief Society of the Branch.

On Sunday, February 9th, President Anastasiou presided at afternoon and evening sessions held in the Rochdale Branch Hall. During the afternoon the time was taken by the President and at the evening session the time was occupied by Brother Frank Kelsh and President Woodruff of the Hyde Branch. President Anastasiou addressed the members finally on the "Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God."

On Sunday, February 9th, Sister Lillian Owens of the Burnley Branch addressed the Married Ladies' Class of the Wesleyan Church at Rosegrove. Her subject was "Prayer," and was well received by those present, who expressed warm appreciation and invited Sister Owens to return at a later date.

Birmingham

A "Presentation Social" was held in the Handsworth Branch Chapel on Saturday, February 1st. Presentations were made to Sister Florence B. Dunn, Brother John Joseph, Brother and Sister Charles Collins and Brother and Sister Makin for long and faithful service in the Church. Refreshments were the gift of Sister Hannah Jevons and a very happy and enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

A baptismal service was held in the Handsworth Branch Chapel on Saturday, February 15th, under the direction of District President Norman Dunn. Jessie Ward, wife of Brother James Ward, was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church by Brother John B. Ward.



... AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR.

"I asked if I could see her home."

"What did she say?"

"She promised to send me a photo of it."

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN



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5, Hadden Street.
- Accrington:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**
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40, Hallcraig Street.
- Aldershot:**
19, Edward Street.
- Barnsley:**
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Well Lane.
- Belfast:**
121, Victoria Street.
- Birmingham:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
23, Booth Street,
Handsworth.
Council Schools,
Stratford Road,
Sparkbrook.
- Bradford:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
off City Road.
- Brighton:**
50a, Compton Ave.
- Bristol:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Zion Road,
off Clarence Road.
- Burnley:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.
- Bury:**
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15, Broad Street.
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Unity Hall.
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Trafford Street.
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8, Merrion Row.
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Pasture Street.
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L. D. S. Hall,
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Park Street.
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Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**
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L. D. S. Chapel,
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- London:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.
Ravenslea Chapel,
149, Nightingale Lane,
S.W.12.
57, King Alfred's Ave.,
Catford.
58, Wellesley Road,
Gunnersbury, W.4.
- Loughborough:**
Adult School.
- Lowestoft:**
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**
39a, Albert Street.
- Manchester:**
L. D. S. Hall,
88, Clarendon Road,
C. on M.
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Penyard Road.
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Park Street.
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44, Avenham Street,
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- Rawmarsh:**
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Main Street.
- Rochdale:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff Street.
- Sheffield:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Ellesmere
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**
L. D. S. Hall,
100, Main Street.
- South Shields:**
L. D. S. Hall,
36, Fowler Street.
- Staffordshire:**
Washington Bldgs.,
nr. L.M.S. Station,
Wolverhampton.
- St. Albans:**
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
18, Tunstall Road.
- Varteg:**
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- West Hartlepool:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
7, Osborne Road.
- Wigan:**
L. and Y. Station

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